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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHER DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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V.
DOE CORPORATION UTILIZING
TELEPHONE NUMBERS 214-469-9158,
954-852-3701, 602-760-5175,
and OTHERS
Defendants

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COMPLAINT

1.0 PARTIES

- 1.01 Joe Hunsinger is a an individual citizen of Texas and a resident of this District.
- 1.02 Plaintiff is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a "person" as defined by

U.S.C. § 153 (39).

- 1.03 Defendant is, based on the area code it uses to call, likely a Florida-based corporation.
- 1.04 Defendant is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153 (39).

2.0 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2.01 This court has personal specific jurisdiction pursuant to 28 USC Section 1331 and 47 USC Section 227.
- 2.02 Supplemental jurisdiction for Plaintiffs state law claims arise under 28 USC Section 1391(b)(2).

2.03 This Court has personal specific jurisdiction over Defendant because defendant made calls to Plaintiff in this District and Defendant conducts business in the State of Texas.

INTRODUCTION

- 3.01 This action arises out of Defendant's repeated violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 227, et seq. ("TCPA").
- 3.02 Defendant has placed more than one prerecorded telemarketing telephone calls to Plaintiff.
- 3.03 Plaintiff never provided consent to Defendant for such calls.
- 3.04 Plaintiff's number ending in 2367 is registered on the DNC Registry and is primarily used for personal, family, and household use.
- 3.05 In an effort to avoid liability, Defendant uses limited-time telephone numbers that appear to remain active for no more than 24 hours after a call was placed.
- 3.06 As such, even if Plaintiff can call back before the number is deactivated, it does not connect Plaintiff with any live person or provide any way for Plaintiff to opt out.
- 3.07 Accordingly, Defendant's actions violated the TCPA, and Plaintiff is entitled to \$500 per call (\$500 for violations of § 227(b), and an additional \$500 for violations of § 227(c)).

- 3.08 Since at least the beginning of October 2022, Plaintiff has received calls from telephone numbers beginning with area code 214 which all start with a pre recorded voice stating: "Attention, if you or a loved one lived, worked, or were stationed at marine corp base Camp Lejeune..."
- 3.09 Plaintiff knows that the word "message" is prerecorded or artificial because of his familiarity with common speech, intonation, characteristics, and other artificial voices, and that the "message" was identical in each message.
- 3.10 The caller is attempting to solicit their legal services for victims of cancer caused from the drinking water at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.
- 3.11 These numbers include 214-469-9158.
- 3.12 On 10-19-2022 Plaintiff received one of these such calls from 214-469-9158.
- 3.13 Tired of getting these calls, Plaintiff decided to leave his phone number in there voicemail at the end of their message.
- 3.14 Plaintiff received the phone call at 3:06 and he called the number back at 3:08. A recording immediately stated: "The number you have reached is no longer in service."
- 3.15 According to Phonevalidator.com, number 214-469-9158, is a FAKE number.
- 3.16 Notably, Defendant appears to de-activate its phone numbers within approximately 24 hours of its calls using that telephone number.
- 3.17 Upon information and belief, it does this because it knows it is violating the TCPA, and it is trying to stay ahead of those seeking to hold it accountable.

- 3.18 On 10-19 at 5:33 PM Julia called the Plaintiff from 954-852-3701. She began speaking stating "have you or any of your loved ones stationed at Camp Lejeune..." Plaintiff spoke to her for almost 10 minutes answering her questions and at the same time asking her over and over again the name of the business she was calling on behalf of or the name of the attorney firm who she works for. She would only tell the Plaintiff she is a legal helper for the Camp Lejeune Lawsuit.
- 3.19 At no point during this call did the call identify or provide any clues as to the caller's identity.
- 3.20 According to Phonevalidator.com, number 954-852-3701 is a VOIP number belonging to phone company Inteliquent.
- 3.21 The area code of Julia's phone number is from Florida. Plaintiff checked the Florida SOS and there is no business with the name Camp Lejeune Lawsuit.
- 3.22 Later that evening on 10-19-2022 at 8:41 PM Plaintiff received a call from 602-760-5175. The caller, Anna told Plaintiff she is a deciding officer Camp Lejeune Lawsuit. Plaintiff spoke to her answering her questions and asked her several times the name of the business and attorney firm that making the soliciting calls to him.
- 3.23 At no point during this call did the call identify or provide any clues as to the caller's identity.
- 3.24 On 10-21-2022 Plaintiff called Julia and asked her for the name and phone number of the attorney firm making the solicitations to him. At no point during this call did the call identify or provide any clues as to the caller's identity.
- 3.25 On 10-24-2022 Julia called the Plaintiff and began stating: "Have you or any of your loved ones been stationed in Camp Lejeune..." Plaintiff interrupted her

asking her if she remembers talking to him and she stated: "ohh yes." At no point during this call did the call identify or provide any clues as to the caller's identity.

- 3.26 On 10-26-2022 Plaintiff send a text to Julia at 954-852-3701 to Stop.
- 3.27 A few hours later Julia send a text to Plaintiff identifying herself as a legal helper with the Camp Lejeune Lawsuit, asking for a call back to her number 954-852-3701. Plaintiff requests injunctive relieve prohibiting Defendant from engaging in the wrongful and unlawful acts described herein.
- 3.28 Defendant's actions were willful and/or knowing because Defendant placed the calls of its own volition and <u>takes pains</u> to hide its identity (by deactivating telephone numbers and not revealing its identity).
- 3.29 A telemarketer who initiates calls in their calling campaign must give their identity to the called party and trains their employees Plaintiff is entitled to a statutory violation of \$500 pursuant to 227(d)(3)(A).
- 3.30 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of a minimum of \$500 in statutory damages for each call, pursuant to 227(b)(3)(B) and (c).
- 3.31 In addition, because the calls were telephone solicitations and Plaintiff's telephone number was on the National Do-Not-Call Registry, Defendant's calls violated 227(c), and Plaintiff is entitled to an additional \$500 per call.
- 3.32 Plaintiff has suffered concrete harm because of Defendant's telephone calls, including, but not limited to:
- 3.33 Lost time tending to the unwanted calls and responding to Defendant's unlawful conduct;

- 3.34 Invasion of his privacy by intrusion upon seclusion
- 3.35 These forms of concrete harm are sufficient for Article III standing purposes.
- 3.36 Plaintiff is entitled to statutory damages and injunctive relief for these violations of the TCPA.

COUNT 1

Violations of the TCPA, 227(b)(1)(B)

- 4.01 Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.
- 4.02 Defendant placed telemarketing telephone calls to Plaintiff without his prior express written consent.
- 4.03 These calls each used a prerecorded or artificial voice.
- 4.04 The calls were not placed for "emergency purposes" as defined by 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 4.05 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of damages of \$500 per call pursuant to 227(b)(3).
- 4.06 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of treble damages in an amount up to \$1,500 for each call made knowingly and/or willfully, pursuant to 227(b)(3).

COUNT 2

Violations of the TCPA, 227(c)

5.01 Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

- 5.02 Defendant made telephone solicitations to Plaintiff's telephone number ending in 2367. Plaintiff's telephone number ending in 2367 has is registered on the National DNC Registry and Plaintiff has not removed his number from the Registry.
- 5.03 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of damages of \$500 per call pursuant to 227(c)(5)(C).
- 5.04 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of treble damages in an amount up to \$1,500 for each call made knowingly and/or willfully, pursuant to 227(c)(5)(C).

COUNT 3

Violations of the TCPA, CFR 64.1200.

- 6.01 Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.
- 6.02 Defendant Doe Corporation initiated calls/texts to the Plaintiff, despite the fact that Plaintiffs phone number <u>is listed on the DNC Registry and list</u>. Defendant failed to train their employees about the TCPA, failed to identify their company, and does not have polices and written procedures in place that must meet the standards of:

CFR 64.1200(d)(4)

CFR 64.1200(d)(6)

6.03 Defendant must pay Plaintiff damages \$500 (total) for the above violations.

TRIAL BY JURY

20.01 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury under the 7^{th} Amendment of the US Constitution.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests for the following relief:

- A An order declaring that Defendant's actions violate the aforementioned laws and statutes;
- An award of injunctive and other equitable relief prohibiting Defendant from engaging in the wrongful and unlawful acts described herein;
- C An award of statutory or contractual damages;
- D An award of treble damages;
- E Such other and further relief that the Court deems reasonable and just.

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